Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-6, 14-21 and 29-36 are readable upon the elected

Species A.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to pages 7-8 of Applicants'

specification, which states:

> *The present invention is described below with reference to block diagram and flowchart illustrations of methods, apparatus (systems) and computer program products* according to embodiments of the invention. It will be understood that *each block of the block diagrams and/or flowchart illustrations, and combinations of blocks, can be implemented by computer program instructions. These computer program instructions may be provided to a processor of a general purpose computer, special purpose computer, or other programmable data processing apparatus to produce a machine, such that the instructions, which execute via the processor of the computer or other programmable data processing apparatus, create structures for implementing the functions specified in the block diagram and/or flowchart block or blocks*. Each block, and combinations of blocks, can be implemented by servers which perform the specified functions or steps, or combinations of special purpose hardware and computer instructions.
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> *These computer program instructions may also be stored in a computer-readable memory that can direct a computer or other programmable data processing apparatus to function in a particular manner, such that the instructions stored in the computer-readable memory produce an article of manufacture including instructions which implement the function specified in the block diagram and/or flowchart block or blocks.*
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> *The computer program instructions may also be loaded onto a computer or other programmable data processing apparatus to cause a series of operational steps to be performed on the computer or other programmable apparatus to produce a computer implemented process or method such that the instructions which execute on the computer or other programmable apparatus provide steps for implementing the functions specified in the block diagram and/or flowchart block or blocks.* (Emphasis added).

What the above passages mean is that the blocks in the flowchart illustration of Fig. 2 apply to

the methods of Claims 1-6, systems for implementing the methods of Claim 1-6, and computer

program products containing operational steps for implementing the methods of Claims 1-6 on a

computer or other programmable apparatus. Accordingly, because Claims 1-6 are readable

upon Species A, it necessarily follows that Claims 14-21 and 29-36 are also readable upon

Species A.

Moreover, the present election is made with traverse because the nature of the subject matter is such that it would enable the Examiner to search all of the claims together without creating an undue hardship on the Examiner to do so. (See M.P.E.P. § 803). For example, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to specify why it would create an undue hardship to search, for example, Claims 1-6 <u>and</u> Claims 7-13 together.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.
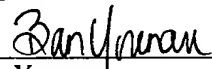
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